

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 4, 1969

Mr. Richard August


Dear Mr. August:

You asked for a copy of my November, 1968 talk on counterfeit halfpence and I am enclosing it. It is scratched up in red pencil to shorten it for delivery.

As you know, I am writing a book to include this material and therefore no copies, notations, or excerpts of this are to be made of any part of it. I am merely letting you read it for what I hope will be your own pleasure because of your enthusiasm for the field. Years of work have gone into its preparation. Please return it as promptly as you can.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/stb

Dear Mr. Newman,

I just got your manuscript and have read it in its entirety the day, the hour I got it. It was very interesting, and I enjoyed reading the fluid prose, something rare in numismatics.

I have one rather incidental remark to make: on page 13 you say that in England the term 'coppers' was used to refer to both copper coin and copper buttons. By this do you imply or suggest that in the passage you cite, the term may in its use suggest that copper buttons were sometimes (deshanked and) used as copper coins? Even if you do not mean this, I am inclined to believe it, as I have examples of early buttons circa 1800 which appear to be worn on both sides as a coin might be, and they look like copper coins. For example, see Johnson's book (I do not know the exact title off the top of my head but I believe it to be) Early Military Uniform Buttons. His number 488, 489, and 490 closely resemble Massachusetts pennies. I have an example of each of these. My 488 is on a small planchet and looks just like a Mass. ~~24~~ since it was deshanked and worn on both sides. It is English-made and I understand it comes on both a large and small flan (1 1/2 and 1 3/4). My 488 was found on Cape Cod.

Did you know there is also an early pewter button (no, it might be copper as I've never seen it) pre-1787 (circa 1785) designed by Joseph Castellender. It has a Mass. eagle on it and the legend 'Massachusetts'. A few years ago I read an article on this. I'm sorry I can't be more specific. I know the man who owns the book having this article. I asked him to Xerox the article and send it to me a year ago. He hasn't done it yet.

I have found nothing much new lately except for a nice 21-0 N.J. Nothing in Machins. Did you know that I've been collecting many early Washington, Franklin and more definitely 'American' Betts pieces? Do you by any chance have any of these as extras for sale? I just bought an original Bronze Washington Before Boston Medal for my collection.

Sincerely,

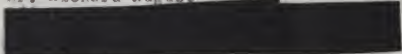
Richard August

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 11, 1969

Mr. Richard August


Dear Mr. August

Thank you for your prompt return of my half-pence comments and for your remarks with respect to them.

I did not mean to infer that buttons were used for coins. I am sure many of them were deshanked due to hard wear and show wear on both sides because of the movement of the cloth next to them and the abrasion from the clothes being slept in, or used on horseback, etc. I know very little about buttons.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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EPN/atb

10/29/69

Dear Mr. Newman,

I recently bought a few very nice coins: a Ryder 32 VF-XF overstruck on a Nova Constellatio (finest known) and a Ryder 33 Vf overstruck on an Irish 3p of 1782 (Finest known). I paid \$1000 for them, but I'm tickled pink. I'm sure you are interested in knowing about them.

I also upgraded my 1787 Conn. Machins to a Fine (porous). I do not know if you are interested in my duplicate, but if you are, I'm pricing the piece which is VG with obverse planchet defect at \$250 in cash or trade. One item I would especially like to get is a decent near fine 1788 Conn small head or any other Mass., Vermont or Machins piece I need.

I also have a nice 1787 N.J. 68W in F-VF for sale at \$75 or trade.

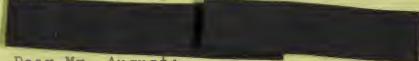
Please let me know if you have any duplicates.

Sincerely,

Richard August

Richard August

October 30, 1969

Mr. Richard August


Dear Mr. August:

It was very nice for you to write me, and I congratulate you on your lovely acquisitions. I will certainly put it in my records.

I would certainly be interested in your 1787 Machins-Connecticut combination and would appreciate it if you would send it to me. For safety's sake, I suggest you send it to me personally at P. O. Box 14020, St. Louis, Missouri 63178. I am sure I can find some things which will be of interest to you and, if not, a payment can be made. Naturally, I look forward to seeing your piece first.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

EPN/cal

Dear Mr. Newman,

With regard to the 1787 Conn-Machins: I wrote just two people about this coin...you and Ned Barnsley. Mr. Barnsley's reply reached me first and he promptly bought the piece. I don't know how disappointed you will be over missing out on the piece, but I think you might already have one specimen in some shape as Bob Vlack said there were 4 or 5 known and ascribed one piece to you.

However, I feel you still might possibly be disappointed, so I have one coin to offer just to you alone. I feel this coin might be more important to you than the other piece. It is the Machins 1771 unlisted reverse coin which I sent you a picture of earlier. I price the piece at \$200 trade or cash. I have two specimens in virtually the same grade, one came from Maine and the other from Florida! I haven't decided which specimen I will part with. I do not know of any other specimen of this coin outside of my collection. (It was much like my having 2 1787 Machins-Conn and 2 41 Mass. cents.)

I wish you would send me a list of your Machins as I did this for you. Reciprocate.

If you want the above mentioned Machins, write and tell me. However, you must be willing to return it promptly if you do not want it...via registered mail insured for \$200

I would trade my Machins for a 1776 Machine such as is listed in Vlack's book as I do not yet own one, provided it is in the same shape as the coin offered to you.

Other coins I would consider in trade are: Ryder 26 (only 1r at least VG), 1788 Small head Connec. 1r at least around fine, Ryder 28 1r at least fine and possibly you could tempt me with others. If your coin offered in trade is worth less or more than mine, the difference would be paid.

I recently bought a Betts 401 in silver VG-F holed:

Sincerely,

Richard August
Richard August

P.S. I discovered just recently a unique N.J. 26d .Condition is nearly good, holed at top.

11/18/69

Richard August -

My secretary is ill and thus I can best write rather than type.

There is no use for me to get disappointed about the 1787 Comm - Machines - it would only give me ulcers + I would blame you. Thus I am glad my friend Barnoley got the Machines Comm piece.

Naturally I would like to have the 1771 piece with the unlisted reverse. Send it to me and I'll search for something for you.

The reason for my delay in the list of my Machines pieces is that I'm up to my ears in numismatics ~~of~~ on other subjects. See the Numismatist for Nov 1969 ^{and soon}, Jan 1970 + Feb 1970. Also have had a lot of paper money manuscripts to go over. I'm just one guy and like you it is a hobby.

Send the piece to me at

P. O. Box 14020
St Louis Mo 63178

Thanks
Eugene Newman

Eric Newman,

I do not understand why you start your last letter with blaming me about your missing the 1787 Conn-Machins. Perhaps you are kidding or referring to the ulcers. Blame implies fault and I see none in my writing two interested parties in a coin. How many times have the tables been reversed, and I've missed out. I've learned to call to get items, and I even then miss out. My phone bills are enormous. I hope on the otherhand that I didn't understand your remark and that you will appreciate my offering you the enclosed coin which I did to help you out as I know you liked the piece. I hadn't intended to part with the piece as the two specimens I own represent different die states.

Enclosed you will find my 1771 Machins with unlisted reverse. I hope you will be able to find some coin rather than cash to trade for this rare item.

I do understand how busy you are. So nothing more need be said. I definitely see where you are doing about 100 times more for the hobby than I. I think your book on colonial paper money, as I have told others, is virtually the only superb book on colonial U.S. items. I wish there were a similar book on coins. Someday I might be able to write something on just Vermonts alone.

I, too, am busy, and I just managed to fit in time to go from Providence to Boston to dig out my Machins for you.

Sincerely,

Richard August
Richard August

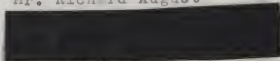
P.S. If you are puzzled as to what to offer in trade, you might call me to discuss 401-331-7478. As you mentioned in your last letter that you would dig something up for me, I would like to have it at that time. I don't want to sell the coin outright now.

I just discovered a unique Jersey' 26d02 (the reverse being a recent version of all the lines on the shield are about twice as numerous as in the regular d). Condition is only near good, holed at top. Bill Anton agrees with my appraisal of the coin.

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December 10, 1969

Mr. Richard August


Dear Dick:

You really have a lovely collection of your various specialties. I certainly did not realize how much effort you had put in to the coppers of the New England area and how astute you have been in assembling such a fine group of varieties. I will certainly keep my eyes open for any you need.

With respect to the exchange, I finally reached the conclusion that you deserve a really unusual piece and I am enclosing it herewith. It is an imitation halfpence dated 1784. There is no other halfpence, of which I am aware, that bears this date. The style of this halfpence is quite similar to the 1785 Connecticut pieces, particularly the Britannia figure. In the bids for the Connecticut coinage franchise there is a mention that some local talent was making coppers. I am thoroughly convinced and believe you will be thoroughly convinced that this is that coin. You will notice the triangular punch marks surrounding the circumference on both surfaces. You will note the date is completely cut by hand, indicating that no numeral punches were available. In my opinion this is definitely American.

I am not surprised that you have never come across this piece before. I feel that your interest in the field is so vigorous that you would appreciate and enjoy it.

Have a pleasant Holiday, in Florida, while the rest of us are shoveling snow.

Sincerely yours,

CERTIFIED MAIL

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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EPN/atb

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thank you very much for sending me the 1784 ^{1/2}p. It is very interesting, and I certainly would like to obtain it. I remember the date being offered in a Charlie French auction and once before years ago when I didn't know better. I did send for the French piece, but as it was out for someone else's inspection and delayed in the mails, I never saw the coin and hence didn't bid.

However, I am not as certain as to its origin as you are. The saw-tooth border I have seen on many English ^{1/2}p counterfiets. In fact, I tend to believe it is not American since you can just make out that the shield lines are not single lines but triplets (one solid and two outlining light bars). Of course, no fact such as this is conclusive, but off-hand I can think of no copper with such a shield which is American. I would have to conclude that further information is necessary to be certain.

Since I am not certain of its American origin, I would be unwilling to trade it for my R8 Machins 1771 coin. I would, however, offer to trade you another coin for yours. I have two 1785 ^{1/2}p counterfiets now, pieces which were mentioned in Betts' early little pamphlet. The obverse dies are different I believe and the reverses the same. Both are at least VF and well-struck. I wouldn't mind trading away a non-duplicate die as I would prefer a different date.

For my 1771 Machins I would rather you tried to find some American colonials for me on my want list and send them to me after Jan 1st. I'm not trying to be difficult. But I can sell the 1771 Machins as it is definitely American. The 1784 coin I am not acquiring for my American collection, and I know of no one else who would do so if I had to trade your coin when I get a duplicate.

Have a Merry Christmas and don't worry about the reply to me until after the New Year.

Tomorrow a friend is going to sell me an item just acquired: a counterstamped coin with: Camp Relief 1784... sounds great. I'll let you know about it when I next write you. I haven't seen it

Sincerely,

D. C. K

[REDACTED]

Dear Eric,

I just got back from Florida. Naturally I went into many shops, about 20. But there is very little around. I did manage though to buy a decent Ryder 19 and a nice VF Pluribs for my collection, but that was all.

Did you get my want list, and were you able to find anything for me on it which you could trade for the 1771 Machins coin I sent?

I also do not know if you wanted to consider my offer of trading a 1785 ~~sp~~ for your 1784, but since I haven't heard from you, I've waned a bit on the 1784. I'm returning it. I think it is very interesting, but as it doesn't fit in with my Machins collection, I'm not that impressed with it. Of course, if time should prove it to be of American manufacture, then I'd have made a mistake.

I called you a couple of times. Did you get my message? My phone number is 401-331-7478. Would you please write me or call me immediately if you still want to obtain my 1771 Machins. If you have something to trade for it, please write or call before you send it to see how we can work out a trade. As I said I would like to trade, but if you can come up with nothing, I'll let you buy it for the \$200 I mentioned earlier.

If you don't want the coin after all is said and done, please return it the way it was sent...via registered mail insured for \$200.

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard August

Happy New Year + have you bought anything new for your collection recently.

Incidentally, should you ever want to sell your wonderful Ryder 34, I would be most interested in adding it to my die variety collection.

Dear Mr. Newman,

It was nice to talk to you. I'm sending you a rather extensive list of practically all I collect. I hardly expect you to add up everything I need, but I thought I'd make a list so you could keep me in mind if items are offered to you which you do not need. If you are able to do likewise, I will do the same for you.

Vermonts: (my first love in state coins) I'll list what I own. I would like only significant upgrades.

Ryder numbers

1.	9 VF	17 VF	25 Unc
2. Au	10 VF	18 VG-F	26
3 AXF	11 F-VF	19 VF	27 VF
4 VF	12 Unc over Nova, F non-overstruck	20 XF	28 VG-F
5	13 XF	21 XF	29 AVF
6 Au	14 XF	22 F-VF	30 VF-XF
7 Unc	15	23 VF	31 XF
8 F-VF	16 VF-XF	24 F-VF	32 VF-XF

33 VF, 34..., 35... 36 VF-XF, 37..., 38 G, CIA VG

Comments: I have turned down a couple of 1s as I am looking for a decent one. A 26 should come my way soon as they are not all that rare. I would gladly buy or trade you for your 34 at most any sum, should you ever wish to part with it. I would like to form the finest Vt. copper collection in existence.

Mass coppers: I'll give Greco numbers, too.

1787 ~~1~~ 1D (1A) XF, 2A (4B) AVF, 3A (3B) Au, 4B (6D) AXF, 4C (6C) UNC
4D (6A) only ~~1~~ I need.... 5A (5B) XF, 6A (2B) XF, 6D (2A) Unc large
collarless flan, F-VF small flan, 7D unique unlisted Au large flan
and in white metal

1788 ~~1~~ 1A (1A) XF, 1B (1B) XF

1787 ~~1~~ 1B (103DD) VF under Conn. cent, 2aF..., 2bA (5C) XF, 2bC (5E) AF

2bE (5D) F-VF, 2bG (5B)...., 3G (4B) Unc, 4C (6E) VF-XF, 4D (6G) VF, 4J (6F)...., 5I (100 AA) VF, 6G (3B) VF, 7H (101CC)...., 8G (2B)....

1788 ~~1~~ 1D (20T) VF, 2B (19U) F-VF, 3A (15Q) F-VF, 3E (15P) XF, 4G (18S) Au, 4I (6H) Unc, 6N (14N) VF, 7M (9L) XF, 8C (17R) VF-XF, 9M (8L) F-VF, 10L (12M) Au, 11C (16R) F-VF, 11E (16P) F-VF, 11F (16Q) F, 11G (16S)...., 12H (7I) VG, 12I (7H) VF, 12K (7J) Au, 12M (7L) XF, 12Q (7K)...., 13N (13N) VF, 14J (100 BB)...., 15M (10L) F, 16M (11L) F-VF,

Any die I don't have is most wanted. I would like to upgrade my 2bC to VF leaving me only-- few dies to upgrade.

Machins by die

1A VG, 2B F-VF, 4D, AVF, 20R VF, 3E...., 5E F-VF, 19P...., 4F VF, 6F Au, 19F F-VF, 2-?... 20Q VF, 3C VF, 7G...., 8H...., 9L VF, 10L G, 11J AXF, 13K F-VF, 14K XF, 15L F-VF, 15M VF, 16K VF-XF, 16N VG, 21K F-VF plus the 3 88s and none of the rare mules except for the 1787 Conn -Machins
I would like to upgrade 1A hopefully to F, 10L to F, 16N to F or VF,

N.J.s: would like the overdate 35 obverse in VG or better
1788 head left in VF, 74bb in F

Conn. 1785 African head in well-struck VF, I have a weak F-VF

1787 Connect in close to VF, I have a weakly struck F-VF

1787 Hercules Head in AF

Fugio: 6W if ~~better than~~ VF, 7T if ~~better than~~ VF, 14O if VF, 10T if at least E
also would consider any F or better R7 or R8 Fugio (but I already
have 1L, 12U, 13R, 17S, 20R, 20X).

From the above 6 classes of coins, I hope you'll be able to find about
6 to 12 (just guessing) coins from which I can select what I want. If
there ~~is~~ more value to your coins than mine, I'll hunt for something
else for you or pay the difference.

If you are offered any of the following medals, let me know:

Baker 54, 57, 58, 60, 62, 67, 68 copper, 69 tin, 70, 85, 170, 171, 172, 266

Betts: 114, 389, 393, 400, 549, 565, 594, 595, or rarities such as 34-5, 161-7,
170, 383, 396, 397, 508, 520, 521, 533, 540, 541, 548, 556, 561, 570, 597, 598, 600-1,
614, 616, 621

There are many other choice or rare items I need such as: Oak tree 6p, 3p,
Pine Tree 3p, Maryland shilling, the rare N.Y.s, a Higley, etc, so if you
ever stumble over any you already have, let me know.

IN paper money: Here there is so much I need, I'm restricting
myself only to basic types.

I would like: a John Law Note, Church Paper Money

and:

① A May 1, 1777 Delaware note in VF or better

② a #3 June 7, 1777 Georgia note VF →

③ a Mass sword in hand 1775 in altern VF

④ a better Mass Bill; a Goldfish note (The one me you
offered was very nice - however, it is an item I would
rather buy than trade for)

⑤ a N.H. Nov 3, 1775 in VF or so

⑥ a N.Y. Feb 16, 1771 note in VF or so

⑦ a N.E. Dec 1771 issue in F or so

⑧ a March 6, 1776 large S.C. note F or so

⑨ an April 14, 1776 S.C. note VF or so

⑩ any VT note Pine - same day -

I already own notes from 12 states, but these are
10 type notes I would especially like. If you

have any of these, I would like to obtain them.

Happily you might have some of the above
as spares. (But as I want permanent prices for my collection, I want
nice specimens) Know!

Well, there it all is. That's a lot I ~~know~~!

Let me know some of your wants, and I'll

look for you.

Sincerely,

(I can recall I have a decent
F-VF NJ 68nd - better than Morris plate coin - fine
trade.) Dick August

Dear Eric,

Thanks very much for going to the bother of trying to locate coins on my want list for me. No doubt many or most are difficult to obtain. Hopefully in time you might be able to locate some of them for me. Might I re-iterate: Is your Ryder 34 for trade or sale under any condition? I now own 32 different Vermonts, and I know where at least one coin from each die is. I strongly believe that it is possible for me to put together a complete die variety set of these given time. I don't believe this has ever been done. I'm working out a new rarity scale on these coins and the probable chronological striking of the dies. (For example I just got a R19 with a die break through the first 8 in the date...hence R19 struck after R20.) All this takes years of research. And you need to see or own the coins first for comparison before you can start writing.

I do feel now that since you have some nice notes to trade for my Machins coin, I should take you up. There are many type notes I would like to own. I believe I gave you a short list of notes I would like, but I'll skim through your book again, and list some of the notes I'd like.

Only nice clean specimens wanted for my permanent collection

1. October 11, 1777 Connecticut VF uncanceled
- *2. May 1, 1777 Delaware VF
3. 1776 Maroon seal \$20 Georgia F-VF
- *4. any issue with Frontiersman design Georgia F-VF
5. any issue with 13 links design Georgia F-VF
6. July 26, 1775 Maryland F
- *7. December 7, 1775 Maryland VF
8. August 18, 1775 Massachusetts F
9. any Pillars and codfish Massachusetts VF
- *10. July 25 or Nov. 3, 1775 New Hampshire VF
11. June 9, 1780 New Jersey VF
12. 1781 N.J. VF
- *13. 1758, 59 or 60 N.Y. F-VF
- *14. Feb. 16, 1771 N.Y. F-VF
15. Sept 2, 1775 or March 5, 1776 N.Y. VF
16. June 15, 1780 N.Y. F
- *17. Dec. 1771 preferably ship 10s F-VF N.C.
18. April 2, 1776 N.C. any F-VF
19. May 15, 1779 N.C. VF
20. Oct. 16, 1786 Georgia VF
- *21. April 10, 1778 S.C. VF
22. any nice full Vermont VG-F
23. March 4, 1773 or July 17, 1775 Virginia F
- *24. May 5, 1777 Virginia VF

There are obviously many rare notes I'd like to have by type, but I haven't bothered to list them. Indeed many of the notes I have listed are rare enough. I've listed minimum grade I prefer. I've starred a few of the notes which I would like to get more than others first (but I haven't starred all the rare ones which I can't expect to get first). I have a small type set started of about 40 notes already.

Sincerely,

Dick August

[REDACTED]

Dear Eric,

I have received your four notes. They are all notes on my want list, but the N.H. note I would not like to add to my collection due to its condition. All of my other notes are in at least VF condition, and I would like to get this note in that shape, too, as it is note too difficult to obtain that way. I did note that you sent me the rarer N.H. issue, but for me I would prefer a more common issue like July or November 75 but in better shape.... a note which I could permanently keep in my collection as with the other three notes you sent me. I hope you will be able to help me out with this N.H. note as I very much want a nice specimen for my collection.

Sincerely,


Dick

Richard August

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 16, 1970

Mr. Richard August


Dear Dick:

It was nice talking to you, as usual.

I am glad that you had a good vacation in Florida and had some success wandering around through the coin shops.

With respect to the Maryland 1733 remainders, I find there was an addition to the Budde collection sale consisting of a sheet of each of the three lowest denominations, five pieces being in each sheet. The valuation was \$600 for the group and my recollection is that it sold for somewhat more. They are original and were probably cut up for the purposes of resale. I know of no fakes.

I received back the 1784 piece and I certainly do not want to influence you with respect to its importance. It will go back where it has been.

I have several 1785 pieces which, apparently, are of British origin and they are die varieties of the 1785 date.

I am enclosing as a suggestion for the exchange South Carolina 5 sh. April 10, 1778, bill No. 9431, uncirculated, North Carolina 1771 one pound bill No. 2729, extremely fine and with fascinating endorsements, and New Hampshire August 24, 1775 three pounds No. 889, very good to fine. The New Hampshire pieces of this early issue never seem to be in nice shape but are quite rare.

When you first telephoned, we had a bridge party at our house and I could not talk to you as I was in the middle of a complex hand and my friends would not have been happy listening to our technical discussion.

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Mr. Richard August

January 16, 1970

I was in Hartford, Connecticut, during the holidays so I was fairly close to your area.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

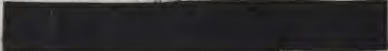
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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 19, 1970

Mr. Richard August


Dear Dick:

Just located a nice Connecticut three pence
of October 11, 1777 and am pleased to forward
it to you herewith to add to the other notes.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/tb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 5, 1970

Mr. Richard August

Dear Dick:

I found something which I think will please
you, namely, a 1756 New York piece for Five
Pounds. It is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

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February 5, 1970

Mr. Richard August

Dear Dick:

I found something which I think will please
you, namely, a 1758 New York piece for Five
Pounds. It is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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SPM/atb

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you, namely, a 1758 New York piece for Five
Pounds. It is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

E*P*N/atb

2/10/70

Dear Eric,

I cannot use the N.Y. note due to its condition. This is no reflection on your note but on my way of collecting. As I said I rarely want a note less than VF as I only collect by type. Also, I'm returning your Conn. note as I had a chance to buy an Au for \$11. I bought it as a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush (usually), and I did not know if we would come to agreement on the trade which would include your note. I now have just two of your notes,

In the future I think you should write on any note you would like to send me, before you send it. This will save me the \$1 registration fee should I not want it anyway.

I presently know a person who has a nice N.H. note of the type I want for \$150. Can you supply one or can you buy in part or whole the coin I sent to you so I can transfer the money to the note. I would suggest that you could make a check out for \$150 to the Collector's Shop, and then you could add to the trade something else of mutual agreement. This is only a suggestion. Do you have any counter-suggestion on how we could conclude the trade?

Sincerely,

Oick


Richard August

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 16, 1970

Mr. Richard August



Dear Dick:

I think we can conclude the trade by sending you a New Hampshire note in virtually uncirculated condition. This would be the same type I sent you before. That will complete the trade and I hope you will be pleased. I am not sending it because you instructed me not to until I cleared with you.

You already have two nice notes as part of the trade.

I did not get a chance to write you sooner since my sister's husband died and I have been involved with family problems.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

[REDACTED]

Dear Eric,

Thank you very much for writing of the nice N.H. note. I will be tickled pink to add it to my collection....along with the two other notes.

If I get any other Machins you need, I will keep in contact. In the last two months, though, I haven't seen any Machins or Vermonts even for sale. The sources are drying up. If you get any spares I need, please let me know.

I picked up a dozen fairly common N.J.s in F-VF that I didn't own. Nothing great...the best coin was a 44d double struck in Fine.

That's all for now.

Many thanks,

Dick

Sorry to hear about the death in the family. My father is in the hospital now and, however, feeling better. I guess this is one of those times.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 26, 1970

Mr. Richard August
[REDACTED]

Dear Dick:

I am enclosing herewith a New Hampshire 3 Pounds August 24, 1775, No. 1476 note in uncirculated condition and I am certain you will be delighted with it. I am also sure you realize that in our exchange, things swung your way substantially.

I just was offered, in fine condition, a half-penny and farthing of George II of the year 1749. These were the copper coins which were sent to Boston in payment of the English debt to New England for the various expeditions to Canada and established the paper currency. I already have the pieces and if you want them, please send a check for \$10 to James Cohen. The matter is completely written up in Crosby.

I don't believe I ever told you that I still need Ryder 26, 30, 32, 33 and 36, of Vermont, in case any of these come your way.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

Dear Eric,

I just got your N.H. note today. As you said, I am delighted with it. It is obviously a note I will have all my life. I do appreciate at this as I had only expected one N.H. note in VF to XF for my collection. I never thought I'd have such a nice one. I do agree with you that under present valuations you did let the trade swing my way. I do appreciate this. I do feel, though, that perhaps in the future a rare Machins die will be worth much the same as the \$500 I paid for each of my Ryder 32 and 33. I haven't seen a Machins in many months.

I do not need the two English coins you mentioned as I already own them.

Thank you for listing your Vt. needs. Just the other day I bought a VG Ryder 26 so now I own all of the dies you need: R26, 30, 32, 33 and 36. But I lack the 1, 5, 15, 34, 35, and 37. This means that together we have the only complete VT. collection. As I now own all the dies you need, no doubt soon I will come across duplicates of some of them. All this takes a lot of time, but when I get duplicates of these and Machins, I will keep you in mind. Do you collect Mass, NJ. etc by dies? If you have time to jot down ones you need, I'll look for you. I don't hoard colonials and as soon as I get a dup, I pass it on. I also got an AF 66V N.J. for my collection.

Also, please.. please send your items to me via registered mail. What if they are lost? Or are you insured in some other way?

Do you need a 44d N.J.? I have a duplicate in VG-~~R~~ for \$20 (obverse nicer than the plate coin in Maris)?

Do you want to have my want lists in any other series like Mass or N.J. coppers?

Thanks again very much,

Rich / Agent

Dear Eric,

Thought I'd drop you a short note to let you know that Harold Whiteneck of Court Coin Boston has an interesting Rising Sun note VF with 'A' printed on the bottom of the reverse. on the other observe side 'behind' the 'A' there is a



triangle. Maybe this is significant to you. He has it for sale.

I upgraded my 1774 George IIIs machine + got a VG Ryker 26, but that's it. Anything new with you?

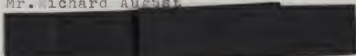
Sincerely,

Dick

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 20, 1970

Mr. Richard August


Dear Dick:

Thank you for the note, which arrived while I was on vacation.

I do not have the 1774 Machins with the U in GEORGIUS and wonder what happened to your old specimen. Do you still have it or did you dispose of it?

With respect to the Rising Sun note, I have no idea what the mystery "A" is and if Harold Whiteneck wants to send it to me I will be glad to study it. At least I want to find out if it was added afterwards or if it is part of the original printing. It certainly was not on the original plate in the beginning.

I am trying to get together an exhibit for the AMA, in August, and have been helping with convention problems steadily so that I have little time to collect.

It is always a pleasure to hear from you and I hope you come to the AMA convention, in August, so that we can meet.

I was asked to address the Boston convention, on April 11, but, unfortunately, that was in the middle of my vacation.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

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Dear Eric,

Well, I thought maybe by some great stroke some friend might drive to the ANA, and I'd go. Otherwise I couldn't see the expense as I rarely buy much at these shows. At the last ANA I only bought 3 colonials. Far better to bid aggressively on what I like at auction.

I have bought nothing much lately. Everything is dead in Boston. Never have I seen it so hard to find anything.

I did get one nice item in a trade: a F-VF 1771 2B under a 1774 4F Machins. First item of its kind I've heard of.

I would like to ask a favor of you. I have asked Lenny Finn to attribute a few lots in the auction for me, but I'm not perfectly certain he can do this and with accuracy. I'm interested in the grade and die of lot 1987, 1995-2003 (10 lots). Could you get this for me, for no doubt you will anyway... then I can call on

Tues or Wed. I'd appreciate it greatly.

Have you found anything new in state coins.

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard August

[REDACTED]

Dear Eric,

We always seem to be just missing each other. I went to the ANS and saw where you had just left. It would have been nice to meet. Mr. Grunthal was quite nice to me and Dr. Patterson. We saw a large number of Betts medals and some of their Vts and Mass. coppers. Their Mass coppers were quite nice, but suprisingly some were mis-attributed so I corrected some for Mr. Grunthal.

I hope you got my last letter as I have not heard from you since then. Since then I've been very fortunate: I've bought an 8G Mass 1/2 VG-F, 1771 Vlack 2 AXF Machins, Fugio 9Q F, 12S F, 22M XF, Connec Autobi 39.1 ee VF. I was happy to get these, yet I failed to get a few things out of the MHS offering. Prices in many cases were unbelievable.

At the NY show we had a meeting of the Betts club...a revival of the days when people were more interested in coins and medals as works of art and historical data.

Got to run to school.


Sincerely,

Robert A. A. 4

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 5, 1970

Mr. Richard August


Dear Dick:

At long last I am sending you a list of my
Machins. As you will note, I do not have 19-F.

I do not know what you designate as 19, but
assume it is the variety with the round U instead of
the V-shaped U.

The condition of your pieces, in many cases,
is far superior to mine.

If you are in a position to get the 19-F for
me, I may be able to help you on a Fugio. Tell me
what you have and what you need.

I will want to take pictures of a number of
your coins in view of their lovely condition.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

Dear Eric,

Good to hear from you. You are certainly welcome to photograph my coins. I'm sure you will be in Boston some day during one of my vacations or during the summer.

I have the 19F Machins duplicate now and it is in my Boston bank. I wish you did have some duplicate Machins I needed, but I guess I'm at a sticking point. We both have 26 Machins, and while you compliment me on mine, yours, too, are something. To the best of my knowledge, yours and mine and possibly Vlack's are about the best. An Unc 21K and the 7G are something. It goes without saying that if you ever get dups, let me know.

On what I could use in trade for my 19F: I guess we have to exclude Mass, Vt and Machins coppers as you probably have now dups of the R8s I need. Therefore, you might have some Fugios or even N.J.s (I now have around 65) which I need. Generally speaking I would want Fugios in at least Fine while NJs at least in VG. Fugios: 1Q, 6W, 7T, 10T, 12Z, 140, 19Z, 23ZZ underlined coins I would prefer

N.J.: 12I, 15L, 16J, 18J, 27S, 31L, 37J, 37Y, 38a, 41c, 42c, 44c, 45d, 49f, 51g, 61P, 70x, 72Z, 74bb, 71y

(any other no coulter except 12G and 12I/13J, 15U, PLUS ANY R6)

My 19F was bought as a VF ~~bee~~ but I would call it a good F-VF. It is obviously rare and a special type due to the legend. There are coins listed above that are worth more than mine while other are worth much less (to me). So in some case I could see me adding cash to the trade or in others my wishing to acquire several coins for one. **Best** to first find out what you have or can get. If you could, can you send me any available coins via registered mail so I can see them. I hope you don't mind waiting on seeing my 19F as it's in the bank, and it will be a while before I can get to it. In the meantime it would be good to pave the way for the trade.

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard August

Mr. Newman,

Do you have anything I
might want in trade for a
duplicate Mass 1¢ 1787 8G, minty 8,
VF-F?

Best,

Richard August

Dear Mr. Newman,

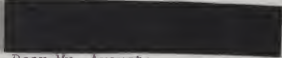
I just bought 2 N.H. treasury
notes for myself, and two duplicates
I value each as around \$175
although I've never seen any for
sale. They are unc, dated 1786, on
a printed form $\frac{2}{3}$ size of this
paper. Do you have anything
for trade?

Dick August

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 4, 1975

Mr. Dick August


Dear Mr. August:

Thank you very much for writing me.

As to the New Hampshire treasury notes, I really don't have interest in them.

All of my time lately has been spent in revising my book and although it is a pleasure it is tedious beyond belief.

My best to you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah


Dear Mr. Newman,

I have 2 Florida Plantation
tokens from the 4-E die which
comes both original and restrrike.
Dave Searles said there is a
way to tell, but he couldn't
remember. Is this correct, and
could you tell me how to tell
the difference.

I have noticed that one piece
is slightly thinner than the other and slightly
struck low. But otherwise the toning seems
exactly the same and different from
restrikes I've seen.

Sincerely,

Richard August



8/29/79

Richard August:

I know of no way for me to
write a distinction between genuine
and restructed Plantation forthings.
Often I am not sure. It is
only by examination that there
is a possibility of telling the
difference, but even then it is
often frustrating and uncertain.
The restructures are better than
the originals.

Since you never send
pieces for examination I don't
see how I can be of further help.

Eric Newman

From the desk of

ERIC P. NEWMAN

May 12, 1981

Dear Mr. Newman,

As you once wrote an article on Fusios, I thought you might like to know for your records that I've discovered

(1) a 14X Fusio in VF-XF

and

(2) a 17I Fusio in F/UG

late obverse + reverse die stage

This coin had been reported earlier, but I had been unable to verify it for 20 years.

Enclosed is a list of my Fusios by die. I'm beginning work on Fusios, Mass coppers, a
Machines + Vermonts.

I would appreciate it, if you could furnish me with a list of Fusio dies you have graded both by Sheldon no. and VF, XF, VF-XF etc. Thanks,
Richard August,

1940-1949

1940 1940 XF

1941 1941 XF

1942 1942 XF

1943 (8) -

1944 (15) VF

1945 (8) AXF

1946 (14) XF

1947 1947 -

1948 (13) VF

1949 (15) VF-XF

1950 (14) unc

1951 (15) unc

1952 (18) unc

1953 (15) AXF

1954 (14) XF

1955 1955 VF-XF

1956 1956 VF

1957 (14) AXF

1958 1958 XF

1959 1959 XF

1960 (14) unc

1961 (14) unc

1962 1962 VF

1963 (13) XF

1964 (15) VF

1965 (16) AVF

1966 (15) XF

1967 (13) unc

1968 (15) VF

1969 (13) XF

1970 (17) XF

1971 (15) VF

1972 (13) unc

1973 (13) VG-F

1974 (15) VF-XF

14X (8) VF-XF

15X (13) VF-XF

1975 (13) VF

1976 (13) VF-XF

1977 (14) XF

1978 (15) XF

1979 (16) AVF

1980 (18) F/UG

1981 (13) XF

1982 (17) F

1983 (16) VF

1984 (15) VF

1985 (18) AF

1986 (17) XF

1987 (14) AVF

1988 (16) XF-AU

1989 (16) VF

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1991 (15) F-VF

1992 (16) AU

1993 (18) -

1994 MM (18) -

1995 (13) unc

1950-1951

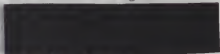
10 (5-6)	114 (6-7)	151 (4)
11 (6-7)	115 (6)	155 (6)
12 (7-8)	117 (8)	158 (4)
13 (8)	120 (6-7)	171 (8)
14 (7)	122 (5)	175 (13)
15 (6)	125 (5)	178 (7-8)
16 (4)	126 (6-7)	180 (6-7)
17 (7-8)	127 (6)	182 (5)
18 (6)	128 (5)	183 (8)
19 (5)	129 (5-7)	184 (7)
20 (4)	130 (6)	185 (7)
21 (3)	131 (7)	187 (6-7)
22 (2)	132 (8)	188 (7)
23 (1)	133 (7)	189 (6-7)
24 (3)	134 (6)	190 (7)
25 (5)	135 (11)	191 (5-6)
26 (6)	136 (8)	192 (5-6)
27 (5-6)	137 (5)	193 (6-7)
28 (6-7)	138 (5)	194 (5-6)
29 (7)	139 (7)	195 (6-7)
30 (8-9)	140 (5)	196 (5)
31 (9-10)	141 (5)	197 (5)
32 (10)	142 (7)	198 (5)
33 (11)	143 (7)	199 (5)

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

May 14, 1981

Mr. Richard August



Dear Mr. August:

Thank you for your letter of May 12, 1981, with a list of your Fugio holdings.

We have just opened a museum and are trying to do things for the public.

I must frankly admit that I have no time to give you a listing of the Fugios we have with grading as we have too many other projects which have a much higher priority.

My best wishes for your continued enjoyment of collecting.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

jah

5/23/84

Dear Eric,

I have a Conn 1723 note. Xerox enclosed. I had thought it was 1703 or 1713 but I see now it's 1723 as Mr. Finn wrote you about it.

Is it unique?

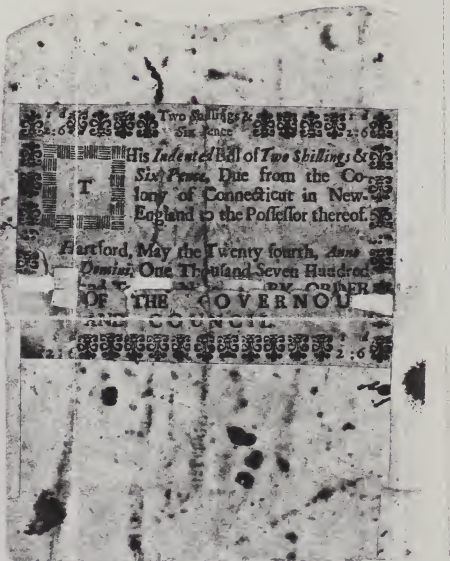
I am offering it to you for \$2,000 if you wish. It is the finest colored note in my collection in my opinion.

Sincerely,





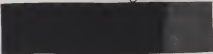
Connecticut Colony ~~1209~~



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

June 12, 1984

Mr. Richard August


Dear Richard:

With respect to the 2 shilling 6 pence Connecticut note you have for sale, there is no way I can consider it without knowing how much of the center portion is missing, or whether the patches on the back are old or new. Without seeing the piece, or without having an explanation, I cannot form an opinion on it because of its extensive damage.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

jah

[REDACTED]

Dear Eric,

I would appreciate seeing your lecture notes. I asked Bob Vlack if I could see them on Dec. 15th, I believe, but he said he had sent them to you.

Are Noe 13 and 14 genuine or contemporary counterfeit Pine tree pieces? I had thought they were not regular issue, but still contemporary. I am aware of counterfeits made 100 years ago as listed in your monogram and the Oak, Pine, Willow books and Crosby, but these 2 pieces were unlisted. This puzzles me.

I've lost my first coin, my 1787 Machin's Vlack 14 in XF. This burns me up. I must have dropped it while in the bank. It's the only coin lost in 20 years.

Florida was not great. It was cold, and there was only one sunny day in 2 weeks.

Nothing much new. How about you? Find any new Machins etc.? Can you send me a list of Machins you have and their grades?

Sincerely,

Richard August
Richard August

State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations.

BY Virtue of an Act of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State aforesaid, for calling in the Notes issued by the General-Treasurer, in the Months of February and March, A. D. 1777, bearing an Interest of Four per Cent. passed at the Session held in October, A. D. 1782, and as General-Treasurer thereof, I promise to pay to

David Greene
or Order, the Sum of *Eighteen*
Shillings and two pence farthing

No. 116

Lawful Silver Money, within *1/16* Years from the Date hereof, with Interest at the Rate of Six per Cent. per Annum for the same, until paid. Witness my Hand, this *twentieth fourth* Day of *January* A. D. 1784 and in the *twelfth* Year of Independence.

David Clarke
Gen. Treasurer.

No. 18. 24

NO. VI

THE CORPORATION OF THE BOROUGH OF BRISTOL,
PROMISE TO PAY THE BEARER,
SIX AND A FOLETH CENT.

Redeemable in current Bank Notes.

Bristol, Dec. 21, 1816.

John Office Burgess.

Treas'r.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Mr. Richard August


May 5, 1994

Dear Dick:

I looked up the 4-71C Machins Mills piece you traded me in 1969 and you then indicated only 2 were known. I believe more are known now. This is still the only 4-71C I have. Since you collect die states you will have to find me another 4-71C in nice condition and then we can talk about whether something else should come my way. My policy of not selling still carries on.

Your collection of Machins looks wonderful and I congratulate you on developing such choice examples. This must have taken years of looking and brought great satisfaction to you.

I thank you for calling attention to the R.I. obligation for the 1782 Act refinancing I mention this but do not illustrate it. Please send me a better photocopy and perhaps I can include it in the next edition of Early Paper Money of America if there is one. I have hundreds of changes, but few important ones.

It is nice to hear from you after all these many years. Keep collecting. I hope you still teach as that is so needed. I try to keep writing.

My best to you.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

Dear Mr. Neuman,

I'm enclosing a Xerox of a note I just obtained after trying to buy it for over 30 years.

I thought you might like it for your records. Is this note the same issue as the 1777 issue listed in your book, or is it different as it says Feb + March 1777, and signed Jan 1785?

Also, many many years ago I traded a 4-71C Machin Mills $\frac{1}{2}$ p to you for a NH note. It was a different die state from the 4-71C I owned, but I wasn't collecting by die states then. Now I am. Would it be

possible for me to re-obtain
the coin either by purchase or
trade, as I would very much
like to add it to my collection.
This is my present Meachin's
collection.

1-47A AXF 2 die states

2-71A XF

3-71B AU

4-71C AVF 1 of 2 die states

(4-71D need)

5-72A VF-XF

6-72A AVF 3 die states (rev.)

7-72B AU

3-74A VF

7-74A VF-XF

4-75A XF

6-76A XF

9-76B VF 2 die states (with + without)
obv. chd

11-78A Unc

12-78B Au

13-78B Unc

15-85NK VG-F need up grade

(9-87NY need)

13-87CF VF-XF

17-87A Au

17-87B XF

1287E AF need up grade

18-87VF AXF

19-87VT XF

20-87VF XF

VT-87VT XF

21-87VT XF

21-87D XF

13-88CT XF

22-88VT XF

23-88A Unc

23-87VT Au

Sincerely,
Richard Anglist

June 11, 1999

Dear Mr. Newman,

A long time ago I traded
you my 4-71C Machines for 2
New Hampshire notes of 1775.

I corresponded with you a
few years ago and said that
I would like to re-acquire the
the 4-71C as it was a die state
I still lack in my Machine's
collection.

You replied you would not
sell it only trade.

I am enclosing a Xerox
of my finest colonial note,
and the only early one I've ever
been able to obtain from R.I.

I would consider trading
you this note for your
superior note collection, but not
on a par only with the 4-71C.

I'm enclosing a list of
other dies I need, and if you
have some, maybe we can
trade.

Machines: 4-71C, 9-87 NY, 17-87 E upsate
Mass copper 1788 14J, 1787 7H upsate
1787 1B upsate, 1787 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 4-D

over

Vt. Ryder 34, 37, 38


Fugio 1-CC, 17T, 23ZZ, 24MM, 25PP

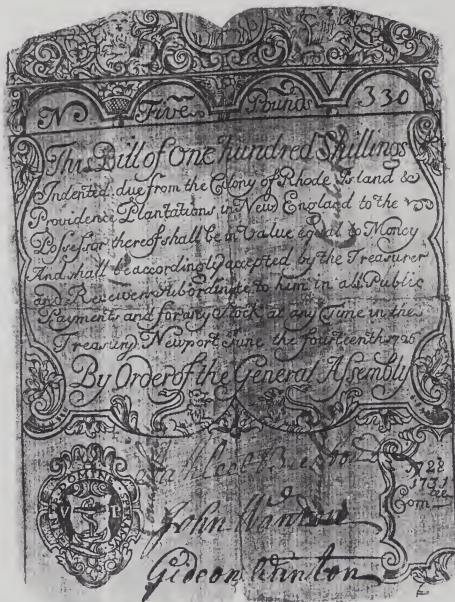
Mass silver Oak: Noe 4, 6, 8, 15, 16, 17, 18, 26, 35,
Pine: 3, 12, 21, 23, 24, 27, 26/27, 31, 35

Hopefully you'll like the note
and have something I like, too.

Sincerely,

Richard August





re dated 1733

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Richard August


July 8, 1999

Dear Dick:

It was nice to hear from you as I knew from others that you were still collecting vigorously in the early American field. I know you are an expert on die varieties. I presume your school teaching days are in the past. I continue teaching numismatics and am going to the ANA summer seminar in a few days to teach there again. Then I teach in New York.

You seem to have moved from the Boston area to Rhode Island where you can get closer to Rehobeth and find some Bungtowns.

Your counterfeit Rhode Island 100 shilling note which you sent a photocopy of is certainly a nice piece.

I will keep in mind the items you need but believe I have no duplicates you need for a trade at this time.

My very best to you and thrive.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman